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January 7, 2002

The Honorable Michael K. Powell

Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, SW, Room 8-B201

Washington, DC 20554

Re: Nextel's White Paper on 800 MHz Reconfiguration

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am sure you have received hundreds, if not thousands of these emails. Please at least read the bold, italic, underlined items.

On November 21, 2001, Nextel, Inc. submitted to the Commission a white paper, which proposes to realign the 800 MHz land mobile radio band "to rectify commercial mobile radio - public safety interference and allocate additional spectrum to meet critical public safety needs." Several interested private land mobile representatives subsequently filed a letter with the Commission outlining the impact of this proposal on business and industrial land transportation (B/ILT) users. This letter serves to support the views of the aforementioned parties in this letter by elaborating on the damage that our particular business will suffer as a result of Nextel's proposal.

Nextel's proposed solution includes relocating B/ILT licensees at their own cost to 700 MHz or 900 MHz spectrum; recommending that they otherwise become secondary to public safety on a non-interference basis. I am responsible for communications of over 4,000 vehicles in 5 states that currently operate in the 800 MHz freq. These vehicles include taxicabs, airport shuttles, and paratransit vans.

Our initial cost estimates for relocation indicate that such a transition would cost our business in the neighborhood of two million dollars. Moreover, the proposed relocation spectrum either has no equipment available yet (700 MHz) or is already overcrowded (900 MHz), especially here in the Los Angeles area. And these possibilities are the "best case scenario," since Nextel's current licensing assignments in these bands are not available on a nationwide basis.

We urge the Commission to reject Nextel's proposal, as it is currently drafted. This action will be detrimental to the American business community; specifically, our nation's daily business communications. It is easy to see that acceptance of this proposal would have an adverse effect on the daily business that Congress and the White House are seeking to support to keep the economy alive. The private wireless industry is fully committed to working with the Commission to find a way to minimize public safety interference. We just ask that the solution not result in the wholesale eviction of private wireless systems from the 800 MHz band.

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